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BRO. HUBERT DEVOE is now laboring with the church at Tiverton, Nova Scotia.

THE BRETHREN at Kempt speak very highly of Bro. Cooke and his work in their midst.

OUR CORRESPONDENT who asked for an explanation of Acts xiii. 48 will be interested and profited by reading Bro. Ford's article on page 5.

WE ARE rejoiced to learn that Bro. H. Murray has so far recovered from his severe illness as to write us an article for the columns of THE CHRISTIAN.

BEFORE ANOTHER issue of THE CHRISTIAN the holidays of the season will be among the things of the past. We wish you A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year.

OUR YOUNG Bro. Charlie Devoe, who left us a short time ago for Lexington, Ky., to prepare himself for the work of the Lord, has been confined to his bed by reason of sickness for five or six weeks. He is slowly recovering, and our prayer is that soon he may be restored to perfect health, and that this affliction will but ripen him for the work in which his heart is set.

A CORRESPONDENT, whose name we would willingly give, had we permission, sends ten new subscribers to THE CHRISTIAN, and says: "I have the names of others, but am not sure of their address. I hope to have some more soon. Quite a number say they take more papers than they can read. I tell them to drop what is not good and take THE CHRISTIAN. I will get as many as I can for the commencement of 1889, for I pronounce THE CHRISTIAN a gem. I am especially interested in Nova Scotia, as I am from that province, River John being the nearest to my native place. May God bless you and your fellow workers is the earnest prayer of —."

THE FOREIGN CHRISTIAN MISSIONARY SOCIETY, in its thirteenth annual report, gives the following summary of the work and workers: "Number of missions, 6; stations, 24; male missionaries, 24; female, 13; helpers, 22; whole number of paid workers, 59; additions during the year, 798; number under care of the society, 2,473; children in Sunday school, 2,689; in day school, 380. Most of those

reported lost have been lost by removal. They are lost to the local congregation simply and not to the cause. Many of them will carry the light of the Gospel of the glory of Christ wherever they go. No statistics can show all the results. Much has been accomplished that will be recognized only at the Judgment day."

EDUCATIONAL FUND—Christmas is near at hand when we are accustomed to give to each other presents of some form or another, as expressions of our good will. Brethren, send a few presents to this Fund; it needs it, and you will be helping others in a good work. As some one has said:

The smallness of our gifts need not deter us from giving, for the Book does not tell us that as many as had plenty gave, but as many as were "willing-hearted," and "every one whose heart stirred her up, and whose spirit made willing." It is that willing-heartedness we need most of all, that heart-stirring that will make us not only willing but anxious to give all that we have and all we are to Him who hath loved us.

GOLDEN WEDDING.—A few friends having learned that Friday evening, Nov. 23rd, would be the 50th anniversary of Bro. and Sister Benjamin Lowe's wedding day, called at their home, corner of Princess and Carmarthen street, to offer their congratulations and to present them with a token of good will. After partaking of the "marriage supper" the evening was spent in pleasant conversation—comparing the present with the past, and the recalling by those who were able the scenes of 50 years ago. After a short talk by the writer, the presentation of a purse of gold—gift of the friends and a reply by the son, Charles Lowe, prayer was offered that God's richest blessing might still attend the aged couple in their declining days and at last bring them safe to heaven.

ON MONDAY morning, Nov. 12th, in response to an invitation, we started for East Florenceville, Carleton Co., N. B.—distant something like 160 miles. Arriving there about 4 o'clock, P. M., we had about three hours before the time announced for the preaching.

The audience was very small, due somewhat to the cold snap that had suddenly come upon us; in some few cases to sickness among children keeping parents home; to the demands of the court then sitting at Woodstock requiring the presence of some of the villagers, but due largely, perhaps, to a want of interest in a strange preacher with, perhaps, a strange doctrine. Unlike the Athenians of old that met on Mars Hill, they, even if they had the spirit, had something else to do than to spend their time in nothing else but either to tell or to hear some new thing.

On Tuesday evening, however, we were greeted with a much larger audience, and on Wednesday still a larger one. The announcements were but for three nights, and the work home required my return, and if I had stayed another day, there could have been no meeting at night, as the rain came down in torrents.

As we became acquainted with the people we found them intelligent and kind. Through their hospitality our visit was made pleasant, and the many kind words and—"Won't you come again and preach for us—we'll be glad to see you?"—awakened within us a warm attachment for our friends in Florenceville. We had the pleasure of

meeting Sister W. H. Corkens—sorry that Bro. Corkens, whom we met last fall, was not home, business having detained him. These brethren are from Painsville, Ohio, but are now, for a short time, staying in Carleton Co. They understand the truth as it is in Jesus, and are no longer afraid nor ashamed to make it known. Sister Corkens is ever ready to help along every good word and work—May God's richest blessings attend the efforts put forth for the furtherance of His cause.

THE FOLLOWING found in the *Christian Leader* of Nov. 13th expresses so tersely and truthfully our condition in the provinces and at the same time suggests to the brethren in Ohio the necessity of co-operation among the churches, such as is advocated at our yearly meetings and through the columns of THE CHRISTIAN, that we give it in full:

Dear Brethren in Christ,—Do you love the cause of Christ? Then hear us. We are asleep, basking in the sunshine of indifference, while the cause of apostolic Christianity languishes in our district. We have twenty-four congregations in the district, and but one preacher who devotes all of his time to the work. Let us come together in a meeting; have a fraternal re-union as in years gone by, and devise some plan for systematic, concentrated work. The sectarian churches are alive, awake and at work, and soon will occupy the sites once precious and very dear, by sacred and joyous associations, to us, unless we bestir ourselves soon—now! Will we? Oh, what cause like that of the Disciples!—the grandest that has entered the hearts of mortal men since the day of the apostles! and yet we allow it to languish because of a lack in the grace of giving. "Seek ye first the kingdom of God and his righteousness."

A re union meeting is proposed to be held at New Straitsville, O., where some plan like the following will be submitted: There are five congregations without any preaching that can and will raise, on an average, \$160 each, or an aggregate of \$800. There are eight congregations that manifest a disposition for work. If these should each pledge at the rate of \$8.50 a month (or 21 cents per month each to the individual member, at the rate of forty members to the church), this would make a total of \$800 more. So that this plan in working operation would give us two preachers, devoting all their time (at fair salaries) for one year, laboring for churches now languishing for the want of preaching—starving for the "spiritual milk of the word," and with little or no influence for Christ and the saving of souls.

Think over it, pray over it, and act on it, and send a representative to confer with us on the matter, and come yourself to the meeting at New Straitsville, O., on Nov. 21-23. Fraternally,

T. J. WALLACE,  
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